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# THE KNIGHT??

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## NSU Gets SHARKIFIED

By Marines Alvarez & Kristine Belizaire  
*Of the Staff*

It's official. The ferocious shark, the new mascot of NSU, has come and claimed its territory. On November 3, "Quad Thursday" was taken over by this year's first "Shark Rally," a welcome home event for the last mascot standing in the "Choose the Mascot" contest.

Shark paraphernalia has made its way onto the campus, and the Shark Rally added fuel to the fire. In addition to free food and drinks, members of the SGA were handing out silver and bluey beads, hats, stickers, blue pom-poms, temporary shark tattoos, and even shark-shaped candy. Shark banners were displayed by the small stage area, and there were even cardboard fins on top of some of the golf carts. There was also an area where students and faculty alike could purchase shark t-shirts for five dollars.

As could be expected, the as-of-yet nameless Shark made his appearance. The very energetic Shark



NSU' Shark Mascot entertains some of the children during the big Mascot Rally.

was seen taking photographs throughout the quad area and was even spotted dancing with George Hanbury, executive Vice-President for Administration at NSU.

The Shark will not remain nameless forever, though, as those in attendance at the rally were asked to vote for their choice for a mascot name. Among the choices at the "Tally at the Rally" were Sharkie the Shark, Sammy the Shark or Mark the Shark. There was also a place to fill in new suggestions.

The Shark Rally was not only a mascot meet and greet, but also an effort to excite NSU students and stir up some school pride. Brad Williams, dean of student affairs, gave a

brief speech about the new mascot and declared enthusiastically that "school pride and school spirit are alive at Nova Southeastern." He assured that this was the first step of many in an attempt to increase school pride among NSU's population.

Dr. Hanbury, who spoke in the absence of President Ferrero, spoke of the 7,000 students who voted during the process and boasted that the Shark "represented the entire university."

Michael Mominey, athletic director and head baseball coach, presented the first sharks uniform and assured the crowd that there was an effort to get the all athletes their proper attire. He also announced that Guy Harvey, a very well known artist and sea creature lover, has been

Lauren McElhenny (right) was announced as the free car give-a-way that NSU hosted earlier this year.

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## NSU Cleans Up After Wilma Ferrero Finds Shelter at Goodwin

By Rafia Chodhry and Greg Kyriakakis  
*Of the Staff*

Two weeks after Hurricane Wilma, NSU President Ray Ferrero Jr., fondly reminisced about his stay at the Leo Goodwin Residential Hall.

Ferrero and his wife, Raquel, stayed overnight Tuesday, Oct. 25 after losing power at home and having to cut short their stay at the River Front Hotel on Los Olas Boulevard, which had no clean running water.

"I found everyone very upbeat and accommodating," said

Ferrero, who checked into the model showroom on the third floor of the Goodwin for his first campus overnight since the start of his presidential tenure.

"We were probably violating some university policy about two folks of the opposite sex living in one of the dormitory rooms," Ferrero joked. "But we are married. We've been married for 41 years."

Hurricane Wilma was one of the most destructive storms to hit South Florida in recent years, causing damages to several campus

buildings and forcing the university to close for one week.

There were toppled trees throughout campus. In addition, roofs were damaged at several residence halls, as well as at University Park Plaza.

Farquhar Hall suffered the most damage as winds tore off exhaust fans atop the building, damaging part of the roof, said Anthony DeSantis, director of

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# Bizarre Briefs

Compiled by Greg Kyriakakis

## MPAA Cracks Down on Non-Movie Pirates

The Motion Picture Association of America, in its ongoing effort to combat peer-to-peer piracy of movies, has sued a 67 year old Racine, Milwaukee resident Fred Lawrence for copyright infringement. The only problem is that the four films downloaded were obtained by the man's 12 year old grandson without his grandfather's knowledge, as reported by the *Associated Press*. As much as \$600,000 is being sought by the MPAA through a federal suit against Lawrence after he refused to settle for \$4,000. Lawrence said that "I personally didn't do it, and I wouldn't do it. But I don't think it was anything but an innocent mistake my grandson made." MPAA officials said that they want "people to understand the consequences of Internet piracy."

## Chinese Noble has 1.5 Million Descendents

A recent finding by a geneticist at Britain's Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute indicates that 1.5 million Chinese men are "direct descendants of Giocangga, the grandfather of the founder of the Qing dynasty," according to *BBC News*. Dr. Chris Tyler-Smith made the discovery by analyzing about 1,000 men from that region and noticing that "two types of Y chromosomes that were extraordinarily frequent." The researcher then determined that this genetic code was linked to the Qing dynasty. Giocangga's large number of wives and his offspring's good chance of survival, being born into nobility, account for so many descendents. In contrast to Giocangga, only 20 descendents from "the average Chinese man" living at the same time would be living today.

## Suicide Mistaken as Halloween Decoration

Mistaken for a Halloween decoration, the body of a Delaware woman was allowed to hang from a tree for as long as three hours reported the *Associated Press*. The apparent suicide on the side of a busy street went unreported as those passing by believed it to be a Halloween prank. A spokesman for the police indicated that neighbors had noticed the body but did not alert authorities, believing it to be a part of holiday festivities. Fay Glanden, wife of the town's mayor, William Glanden, said that the body "looked like something somebody would have rigged up."

## NSU to Host Dan Abrams at Life 101

NBC's Chief Legal Correspondent and MSNBC Anchor Dan Abrams will be speaking at NSU on Nov. 10, according to a University press release. Abrams' appearance is the latest in the Life 101...Personally Speaking series, in which NSU students are invited to witness a question and answer session with inspirational personalities.

Abrams' credits include covering a number of high profile trials, including the President Clinton impeachment trial,

Bush vs. Gore legal issues, the Oklahoma bombing, Elian Gonzales, and trials of O.J. Simpson and Timothy McVeigh, among others.

The event runs from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Center, with a reception following. Tickets are available to students free of charge in the Athletics and Student Affairs building, or through Director of Student Engagements Katie Blanco.

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## News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

### North America

#### Cheney aide Lewis Libby faces charges

Lewis Libby, the former chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney, faces five separate counts of perjury, "making false statements and obstructing justice." According to *BBC News*, Libby was considered "one of the most powerful men in the US until he resigned last week." The charges all originated from an investigation into the leak of CIA agent Valerie Plame's identity. If convicted, Libby will be imprisoned for 30 years, but many believe that President Bush will pardon him when he leaves office.

For more information visit [www.news.bbc.co.uk](http://www.news.bbc.co.uk).

### Middle East

#### British soldiers acquitted of killing Iraqi teen

Seven British soldiers that were accused of murdering 18-year-old Nadhem Abdullah in May 2003 had the charges against them dropped, reported the *Agence France-Presse*. Presiding Judge Jeff Blackett dismissed the charges, stating that the prosecution evidence "could never reach the high standard of proof required to be sure of the guilt of any defendant." Although it was alleged that the young man's DNA was found on one of the soldier's rifles, it was deemed that the Iraqi witnesses were not credible and exaggerated in their testimonies.

For more information visit [www.abc.au](http://www.abc.au).

### Africa

#### 42 Ethiopians killed in turmoil

*The New Zealand Herald* and *The Independent* reported on November 4 that the death toll in "election-related political unrest" rose to 42 when three people were shot by police. Riots and anti-government demonstrations continued for days, causing the British government to suggest suspension of "all but essential travel" into the country. Demonstrators were protesting against the recent elections, claiming they were "rigged." Witnesses also said that the police were shooting indiscriminately. Many women and children were injured or killed; one young girl lost an eye when she was struck by a police baton and a young boy was shot in the stomach.

For more information visit [www.nzherald.co.nz](http://www.nzherald.co.nz).

### South America

#### Cuba and Venezuela planned against Bush at summit

President Bush left the White House on November 4 to attend the Summit of the Americas in Argentina, only to face large crowds of protesters and opposition from both Cuba's president, Fidel Castro, and Venezuela's president, Hugo Chavez. *The Associated Press* reported that South Americans rallied at the town of Mar del Plata in order to "say no to Bush" and his proposal for the Free Trade Area of the Americas. The FTAA agreement would surpass the European Union as the "world's largest tariff-free zone." The Cuban delegates were convinced the FTAA is another set of "neo-liberal policies" that would increase inequalities.

For more information visit [www.guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk).

### Europe

#### Paris riots continue for second week

Two weeks ago, riots erupted in Paris' Seine-Saint-Denis region and 12 other towns around the capital when two teenagers of African origin were "accidentally electrocuted at an electricity sub-station." Local residents say the teenagers were "fleeing police," but officials deny the claim. Soon after, large groups of teenagers began to torch homes, buildings, and cars. *BBC News* reported that "gangs besieged a police station, set fire to a car showroom and threw petrol bombs." Police and firemen in the area also stated they were fired upon. The affected areas are mainly poor immigrant communities with high levels of unemployment.

For more information visit [www.news.bbc.co.uk](http://www.news.bbc.co.uk).



## SHARKS

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commissioned to design an original print for NSU that will be displayed in the University Center.

The event concluded with a performance by the NSU cheerleaders and a re-giveaway of a car provided Rick Case. Dean Williams explained that the first winner chosen in the raffle was not eligible for the car and an independent panel randomly chose Lauren McElhenny, a freshman and member of NSU's rowing team, to be the new winner. When given the microphone, all Lauren could do

was laugh and say "Go Sharks!"

"I was beyond surprised," said Lauren in a later interview, who chose to make a Rick Case Acura her own, "but it was really cool."

In all, the event drew a considerable amount of the NSU community to the quad to demonstrate their school spirit. Melinda Gormon, a freshman present at the event, said, "The event was nice. It was different than other events that have been happening on campus."

## WILMA

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Residential Life and Housing. University work crews replaced 36 light fixtures, painted 16 rooms and removed water, which had funneled into the hallways.

Ferrero oversaw the clean-up. Repairing the damage at the residential halls was at the top of his list of priorities, he said.

Students said they were impressed with his decision to see first-hand the damages on campus.

"It was nice he was able to see what was happening," said Davina Bailey, a senior and Goodwin residential assistant. "He expressed how we were a priority during the hurricane and made sure that Rosenthal was open so we could have a source of food."

Ferrero and his wife interacted with the students and enjoyed a Chinese dinner on the first floor of the hall.

"I felt that the students were all very happy about the fact that the storm had passed. Though we didn't have power there, they were safe," he said. "It was a very positive experience."

The university re-opened its doors a week after the storm, but not

until major repairs were completed.

Dinanga Mulumba, residential advisor in Farquhar, said some residents were concerned about mold following the storm, but university officials had been "working hard" to clean the building.

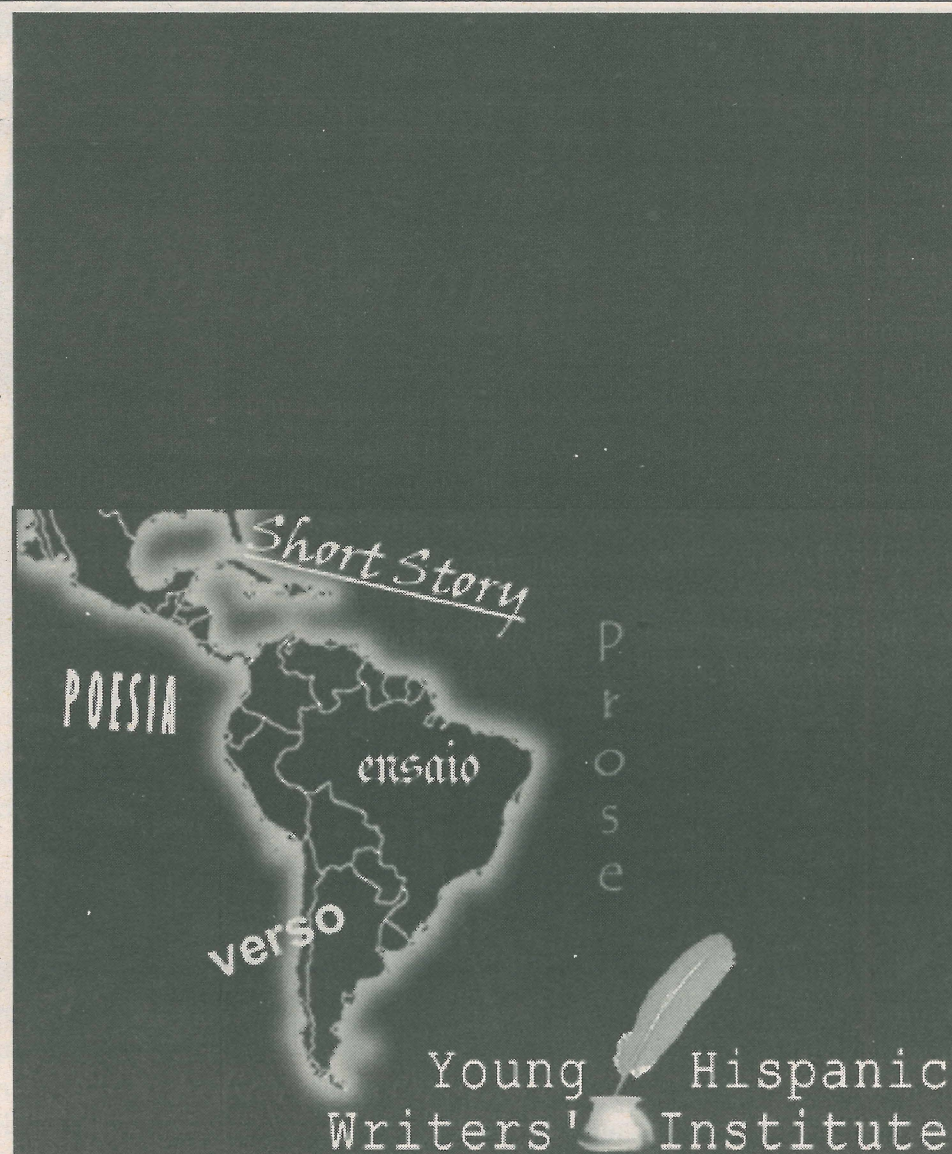
"People have seemed to handle the situation very well," Mulumba said.

Itza Miranda, a junior and Cultural Living Center resident, stayed at Goodwin during the storm. With only generator power illuminating the hallways, Miranda and other residents played card and board games until power was restored Thursday.

"The students that were here were the best," DeSantis said. "They cooperated and did not complain despite the circumstances."

During his recent interview with the Knight, Ferrero explained NSU's decision to re-open Monday, Oct. 31. He said he felt it was important to create a feeling of normalcy for people.

"We all had our problems through this storm to greater or lesser extent, but life goes on and you have to take the next step," he said.



#### What is the YHWI?

The Young Hispanic Writers' Institute is a free residential program for 12 aspiring authors, **aged 16-20**. For four days you will work with nationally-known and award-winning authors and editors.

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#### When and where is the Institute?

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**Dates:** April 9-12, 2006

#### How much does it cost?

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#### How can you apply?

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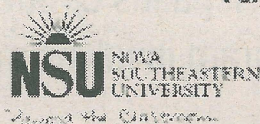
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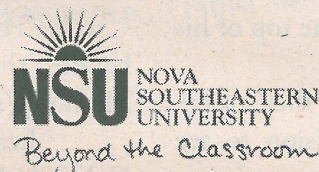
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## On Spirituality

### There's More Out There

By April Eldemire  
Contributing Writer

A common theme that I have seen throughout my academic years has been the topic of worldly travels and intelligence. What I have noticed in speaking with friends is a heightened maturity and knowledge in people who have traveled and lived in other places; whether that is in another country or in another part of the United States.

I was at a friend's house the other day started speaking to a guy who came from a prominent academic institution in the US, and we got onto the topic of drinking. The guy began to tell me a story about when he was in school he and his friends would play a game called, "who can get drunk and puke the quickest?" He proceeded to explain that they would muster up the foulest ingredients in their kitchen and make an alcoholic drink out of them. One drink, which they named "You Can Throw Up if you Wanna," consisted of vodka, cottage cheese, and bloody mary mix. They would down this drink in a matter of seconds, and whoever released it first lost the bet.

I was impressed and disgusted at the same time. Clearly, this was a drinking game that I had never been privy to before, and so I immediately thought, "how clever."

On the other hand, I had to think, "Have universities and students these days turned completely away from academic and philosophical conversations, and turned to alcohol to make them feel and sound interesting? Is drinking still the 'cool' thing to do?"

I was stuck in this mindless conversation for a good thirty minutes or so, and while pondering the night's events later, I realized I had been submerged in these types of conversations more frequently lately than I cared to remember. I began to examine the crowd I had been associating with, and found myself wanting more.

Then I took a trip to New York City. I noticed that the common theme I had found in Florida had no bearing in New York City. Everyone I spoke to had something interesting to say, somewhere exciting they had just been, or someplace different they were from. Again, the topic of world travels and intelligence sprang to mind. Why was it that I could feed myself with enlightened people and conversations in New York City at every opportunity, but I questioned the extent of people's interests in the city that I have lived for so long?

I began to ask myself, "Are people more enlightened because they have flown to other parts of the world? Where is the connection between intelligence and university education?"

I am not sure of the answer, but in recent months I have found myself afflicted with the same mundane conversations and people, when all I really crave is something more, something greater, something enigmatic.

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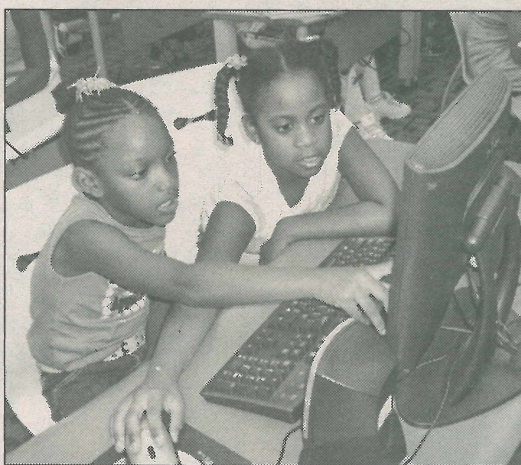
## NSU Employee Daycare

By Caroline Cullen  
Knightlife Editor

NSU students and faculty are attempting to return to their daily routines after Hurricane Wilma swept through South Florida. Although many residence and businesses are still awaiting power, South Florida is resuming life as it was before the devastation. Unfortunately for some, the transition is not too smooth; one reason is Broward County Public Schools decision to remain closed through November 7.

NSU employees need not fear the fate of their children while school is out, thanks to staff members of the Baudhuin Preschool at the Mailman Segal Institute, whom provided activities and supervision from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Alvin Sherman Library November 1-4. Director of the Baudhuin Preschool, Michele Kaplan, credits the idea of the program to Dr. George Hanbury, explaining that NSU is aware that many employees had no electricity and no day care for their children.

At least 147 children participated in the Employee Daycare that was free of charge to NSU employees. The daycare



was equipped with an arts and crafts room, computer room, and play room. The children, ages 4-18, were entertained with crafts, games, computers, X-Box, books, puppet shows and movies. "One child told us that the day he spent here was the best day of his life!" exclaims Manny Gonzalez-Ahreu, Coordinator of Family Support Services.

NSU employees with school aged children (K-18 years of age) may bring their children to the Alvin Sherman Library beginning Tuesday, November 1. Parents should provide snacks and lunch, and bring their NSU identification in order to register their child(ren) in this emergency child care service. Gameboys are allowed.

## Let's Talk About Sex, Baby...



Caroline Cullen  
Knightlife Editor

### Ouch!

According to recent news headlines, men should fear a women scorned. Just when I thought Lorraine Bobbit would be the last Le Femme Fatal to catch my attention with the infamous penis severing incident, I was wrong!

A case has been brought to trial in Greensburg, PA, in which a man is suing his ex girlfriend for \$30,000 dollars for using a Super Glue Stick to attach his genitals to his abdomen, gluing his buttocks cheeks together and spelling profanities out in nail polish on his back... Ouch!

Apparently retribution for a breakup, this "crafty" young lady took the glue into her own hands!

What possesses people to do such crazy things? Love! Love! Love!

I think these ladies acts are psychotic yet humorous. Well, I am sure that many men, and women, for that matter, would disagree on the 'humorous' part, but you have got to admit that these are some very creative ideas!

While I do believe that any act of violence against another human being is wrong, male or female... I can't help but giggle at these nutty acts of unrequited love.

## Got a Question for Student Counseling ? Fire Away.

**Q:** Recently I started dieting, and I've already succeeded at losing 15 pounds. Finally I'm starting to look a little better, which I guess is making my friends jealous, because they're telling me that I'm getting too skinny and that I need to stop losing weight. When I go out with them, they almost shove food down my throat. How do I get them to lay off? Isn't it *my* decision whether to eat or not? Maybe I just need to find different friends.

**A:** If you've started eating in a healthy, balanced way, and your weight loss is a result of this change, along with an appropriate increase in exercise, then it could be that your friends simply can't handle your success at approaching your ideal weight. If the connection among you has depended on ongoing overindulgence, then they might very well feel betrayed by your taking off in a different direction. If that's the case, then at least some of the friendships may not survive your new commitment to a healthy body.

But there's another possibility worth considering. You said that you've lost 15 pounds in a short amount of time, and your friends are voicing their concerns. That's what friends are for sometimes, right? To tell us stuff we don't really want to hear? Did you lose the weight in a healthy way? Would your friends say you were exercising enough? Too much? What and how much *are* you eating? Any chance that your friends are speaking not out of jealousy but out of wise concern?

If you've been battling with food for a long time, and, now, you finally feel like you're on the winning side, then you're not going to want anyone—especially a close friend—telling you, "Wait a minute, you've got a problem here." But winning a battle against food can be a setup for losing the war. If you continue to "succeed" at losing weight quickly and beyond a healthy level, you can damage your body's ability to sustain and balance itself. Taken to an extreme, this can threaten your life.

So before you dump your friends, I suggest you see a doctor in the Student Medical Center (954-262-1262) and/or come and see one of us in Student Counseling (954-262-7050). We'll help you make sense of what your friends are saying *and* what your *body* is saying.

**Have a question you'd like answered in this space? Fire away: Call us (954-262-7050), send us an email (studentcounseling@nsu.nova.edu), or drop by our office (Suite 150, Parker).**





**From Left to Right:** Nick Revisa and Jessica Boyd (Sophomore King & Queen), Matthew Parry and Joycelyn McGlothlen (Senior King & Queen), Shark Mascot, Steven Reddy and Natalie Lugo (Freshman King & Queen) and Fahad Islam and Andrea Cevallos (Junior King & Queen).

Hundreds of NSU staff and students came out and dance the "KNIGHT" away. Photos courtesy Gerlinde Photography





## November Movie Previews

By Marines Alvarez  
A&E Editor

The month of November ushers in what is usually considered the holiday season. Along with the turkeys, pilgrims and cornucopias that will soon decorate homes, offices and department stores, November will also treat us to a slew of new movies.

### Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Like it isn't written on your calendar and circled in highlighter... In case you didn't get the memo, this fourth installment of the big screen adaptation of the books by J.K. Rowling is set to be released November 18 and stars Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, and



Pride and Prejudice premieres November 11. Photo courtesy Yahoo! Movies

Emma Watson, among many others.

According to Yahoo! Movies, the story follows Potter, who is mysteriously selected to compete in the Triwizard Tournament. His is pitted against more experienced students from Hogwarts as well as two other wizarding schools. If that weren't enough, Harry must deal with signs that foretell the return of Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes). All the while our Harry (he's growing up so fast) tackles his first crush, Cho Chang (Katie Leung).

Need a reason to see it other than you unfailing love for all things Harry Potter? Well, it seems that *The Goblet of Fire* will be the most epic and will boast more action than any other of the Potter movies.

I'm pretty sure I don't have to convince you to see this movie. Harry Potter fans are sure to make this premier as big as everything else associated with the world's favorite



wizard.

### Walk the Line

For those of you looking for a lot less fantasy, *Walk the Line* tells the story of the late, great Johnny Cash. The movie, which opens November 18, stars Joaquin Phoenix as the Man in Black and Reese Witherspoon as June Carter Cash.

This movie is a mixture of biography and romance, and throws in great musical numbers for good measure.

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## Ars Flores Looks to Open Season on a High Note

By Marines Alvarez  
A&E Editor

The melodic sounds of the Ars Flores Symphony Orchestra will soon fill the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center. Their upcoming concerts mark the NSU's resident orchestra's sixth season.

Ars Flores offers a distinct array of events- fitting for such a distinct orchestra. Artistic director Lynn Luce was quick to say, "As far as we know, there is nothing like it in the country." Ars Flores offers the opportunity for conservatory level students, called "fellows," to sit side by side with professional musicians. "This creates an atmosphere of huge learning," comments Director of Development Fred Gouveia. "It is a unique opportunity for these talented young musicians to learn hands on and all the musicians get paid."

The first concert of the season was originally scheduled for October 29 and was set to feature Jeffrey Biegel. Hurricane Wilma and the corresponding power outages forced Ars Flores to postpone the concert, and although no official date has been released, it is planned to be sometime in February.

Regardless of the date, Luce is confident that audiences will enjoy the concert. "Jeffrey Biegel is an amazing person, very energetic and very well known. He is very inspiring to the professionals and to the fellows as well." According to Luce, as soon as Biegel learned that the concert was scheduled to be around the time of Halloween, he suggested playing Liszt Piano Concerto No. 1. "It's not that it's spooky," she says, "but it definitely has interesting elements."

The concert

will also feature Berlioz Symphonie Fantastique, Dukas' The Sorcerer's Apprentice, which audiences might recognize from Disney's classic *Fantasia*, and plenty of time for Biegel to give encores.

In addition, Ars Flores will throw a traditional post-concert reception outside of the Miniaci with refreshments and the chance to mingle with other audience members, orchestra members, and featured artists and guests. "It's a great chance to hear what the audience thought of the concert," says Gouveia, "as well as meet the musicians and interact on a friendly level."

Also planned for

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## Showbiz Bits

Compiled by Nicolle Garber

### Kevin Federline: The New Rap Abomination

While Britney is enduring post-partum depression, her husband Kevin is off frolicking in nightclubs and wasting his wife's money on a pathetic rapping career. That's right folks, "K-Fed," (which is what he used to be called, as he says in the lyrics of his first, and hopefully last, music track) thinks he has what it takes to become a rapper. Federline's producer is Disco D, and his album, called *The Truth*, is expected to debut next year. His "hit" single "Y'all Ain't ready" comes with side effects such as vomiting, heartburn, rash, and a heart attack. Yes folks, it's bad enough to make you cry. According to Yahoo! Entertainment news, Federline's wife Spears laughed at him when he brought her the track. Poor K-Fed, it seems as though this shadow of a mega-pop star will never get a chance to outshine his wife. Well, at least not with lyrics that go, "My prediction is that y'all gonna hate on the style we create, straight 2008." Apparently he's really good at rhyming, but not so great at making sense.

### Tyra Banks Goes Fat

It was about time Tyra Banks knew how it felt to be fat. The 31-year old supermodel went undercover as a 350lb woman for a day to see the world through obese eyes. She describes it as, "One of the most heartbreaking days of my life." Guess what, Tyra? People discriminate against obese people! I'm sure that such an idea never occurred to Banks since she is a *supermodel* and weighs approximately 30 lbs. "Within ten seconds, a trio of people started pointing and laughing at my face," she stated, according to Yahoo! TV. Her "shocking" experience will be broadcasted on her TV show called "The Tyra Banks Show" November 18. It's really sad that it took 31 years for her to realize that being obese is no fun—I mean, what else would you expect when the industry you work in despises anything with more meat on it than a twig?

### And Trump Gets Richer

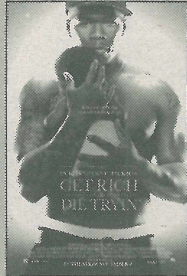
Donald trump was paid 25,000 dollars per minute—yes, per minute—for giving a lecture on becoming a millionaire mogul to thousands of fans, according to Yahoo!News. Some of his tips were "When somebody challenges you, fight back," and "Be brutal, be tough, just go get them." Wow. Trump is the greatest money-maker ever. Who else could convince people to pay them 25,000 dollars a minute for giving advice that you can get free from any sober street bum? Absolute genius. The lecture took place in New York at the Learning Annex, and tickets went for between 100 and 500 dollars. Talk about price gouging! On another note, Trump has blamed the recently released from jail Marha Stewart for a decrease in ratings for his show, "The Apprentice." Apparently, Stewart's own apprentice show is more popular than his. Maybe he should go to jail for giving bad advice and price gouging, and then maybe, just maybe, his ratings will be higher than dear Martha's.



# This Week in Arts & Entertainment

## Movie Openings

### November 9



**Get Rich or Die Tryin'**

**Starring:** 50 Cent, Viola Davis, Terrence Dashon Howard

**Director:** Jim Sheridan

**Genre:** Crime, Drama

**MPAA Rating:** R

An orphaned street kid (50 Cent) makes his mark in the drug trade but finally dares to leave the violence of his former life behind to pursue a promising career in the music business as a rapper.

### November 11

**Derailed**

**Starring:** Clive Owen, Jennifer Aniston, Vincent Cassel, Xzibit

**Director:** Mikael Häfström

**Genre:** Thriller

**MPAA Rating:** R

Ad exec and family man Charles Schine (Owen) meets business woman Lucinda (Aniston) on the commuter train to Chicago. Flirtation quickly escalates, but their fling turns dangerous when a violent criminal, LaRoche (Cassel), blackmails them, promising to reveal their indiscretion and threatening their families if they do not pay him. With their lives thrown terrifyingly off-course, they must figure out how to turn the tables on LaRoche and save their families.

**Zathura**

**Starring:** Tim Robbins, Josh Hutcherson, Jonah Bobo

**Director:** Jon Favreau

**Genre:** Adventure, Sci-Fi

**MPAA Rating:** PG

Two squabbling brothers are propelled into deepest, darkest space while playing a mysterious game they discovered in the basement of their old house. On their fantastic journey they are joined by a stranded astronaut and must survive meteor showers, hostile lizard-like aliens, a rocket-propelled robot run amok and an intergalactic spaceship battle. Unless they finish the game and reach the planet Zathura, they are doomed to be trapped in outer space forever.

## Book Releases

### Available November 8

*The Truth About Diamonds: A Novel* by Nicole Richie

At the age of seven, Chloe was adopted by a music superstar and his wife, transforming her life from rags to riches. What followed was a wild childhood distinguished by parties with movie stars and rock idols, run-ins with the press and the police, and a subsequent stint in rehab. Suddenly Chloe shoots to instant fame as a spokesmodel for a national ad campaign. When her long-lost birth father appears out of nowhere and her best friend betrays her, she must struggle to keep it all together -- her sobriety, her friendships, and her integrity despite the betrayals of those around her.

*Talk to the Hand: The Utter Bloody Rudeness of the World Today, or Six Good Reasons to Stay Home and Bolt the Door* by Lynne Truss

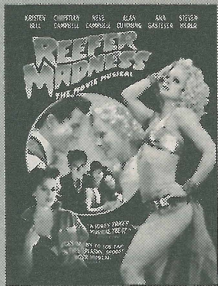
When did "please" and "thank you" become passé? When you call a "customer service" number, why does the burden of deciphering the automatic switchboard fall to you (and where are the real people, when you, the customer, need service)? Why do people behave as if public spaces are their own chip-strewn living rooms? Perhaps most importantly, how has it come to be that we are not allowed to object? Call someone out on rude or disrespectful behavior and you're likely to get an "Eff off" or worse. In a recent U.S. survey, 79 percent of adults said that lack of courtesy was a serious problem. For all of those fed up with anti-social behavior and suffering in silence, realize that you are the majority! Talk to the Hand is a colorful call to arms-from the wittiest defender of the civilized world.

## DVD Releases

### Available November 8

Johnny Depp in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

Kristen Bell in *Reefer Madness: A Movie Musical*



## Entertainment

### November 8

Miss Saigon at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach

### November 11

Miami City Ballet: Program 1 at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts

### November 12

Boonadducious 2005 at the Sound Advice Amphitheater

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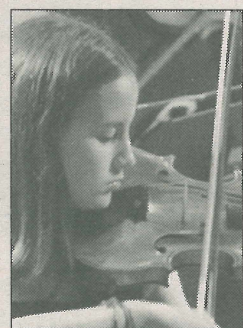
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## FLORES

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Saturday October 29 was the season debut of the Music for Munchkins series. Although this date was cancelled, there are several concerts in the series and all the dates may be found at [www.arsflores.com](http://www.arsflores.com). During the concert, kids are encouraged to enjoy the music, and parents need



**Above:** Caitlin McAuliffe, one of the fellow in the orchestra. Photo by Burt Luce

not feel like the have to keep the kids quiet. Each section is color coded, so that the children learn about the families

of instruments while they enjoy the short concert.

The orchestra's next planned concert, the "Meet the Orchestra Holiday Concerts," occur on December 17 and 18 in the Miniaci Center and the University of Miami Gusman Hall, respectively.

All in all, it seems that Ars Flores is looking forward to a bright year, despite the early inconveniences. This season boasts an interesting repertoire, an acclaimed pianist, and events for the whole family. Mark these dates on your calendars and keep an eye peeled for events from the Ars Flores Symphony Orchestra.

## MOVIE

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The story follows Cash's rise to stardom, his subsequent addiction to pills and the demands of fame that ended his first marriage. But Cash finds love and a second chance in his relationship with June Carter.

You can expect great acting performances from Phoenix and Witherspoon, who also perform all of their own music. In fact, Johnny Cash and June Carter hand picked Phoenix and Witherspoon to play the roles.

Whether you are a Johnny Cash fan or not, his is a story worth telling and it is brought to the big screen with two worthy actors.

### Rent

*Rent* finally makes its way onto the big screen after being shelved and pushed around since 2003. Most of the original Broadway cast reunited for this adaptation of the successful musical, which premieres November 23.

The movie, according to Yahoo, follows the lives of young group of East villagers struggling to survive. These starving artists strive for success and acceptance while dealing with the obstacles of poverty, sickness and AIDS.

If watching people sing and dance around New York City is not too convincing, just think, after you leave the movie you will know how many seconds are in a normal year.

### Pride and Prejudice

If you are looking to take it back to the old school, look no further than this new adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. Premiering November 11 and starring Keira Knightly and Matthew MacFayden, this star packed movie might just do the book justice.

Elizabeth Bennet's (Knightly) mother is doing all she can to make sure her five daughters are married to

proper gentlemen. Elizabeth, though, has her own ideas on the proper marriage and unfortunately for her mother, they do not include the very arrogant Mr. Darcy (MacFayden). Can they make it work? Can they get over their (let's say it together now) pride and prejudice?

Interestingly enough, the director did not originally want to cast Knightly because she was "too beautiful." Knightly was finally hired on the conditions that she wouldn't wear makeup and that she would refrain from using her I'm-too-sexy pouty lips.

If you want to get your kicks watching Keira Knightly do her best at being frumpy, this is your movie. Plus, this looks to be a good adaptation of a classic book so you may want to see it for that reason alone.

### Bee Season

Based on the acclaimed book by Myla Goldberg, *Bee Season* is the story of a previously unremarkable 11 year old, Eliza (Flora Cross) who finds her niche in spelling bees. Her father, Saul (Richard Gere), a religious studies professor, becomes obsessed with helping her win, utilizing the mystic secrets of the Kabbalah.

Unfortunately for Eliza, the more she wins, the more interested her father becomes and the more their family falls apart.

If you have your doubts about seeing Richard Gere playing a Jewish man, rest assured. His performance, alongside the rest of the very talented cast, helps this movie shine. And, just in case you haven't heard, Kabbalah is the big fad religion. If you want to know why but aren't big into the whole "reading" thing, this movie could be for you. It is in limited release November 11.



## Many NSU Sports Activities Either Postponed or Cancelled Due to Wilma

By Alicia Winslett  
Sports Editor

For the women's golf team, two tournaments were cancelled, leaving their fall season short. So, now in the spring they will possibly have to add two more tournaments to catch up.

None of the women's soccer team were cancelled, but the team will have its NCAA South Region First-Round on November 11; both time and place are to be announced.

The men's soccer team did not have any cancellations either and will have their NCAA South Region First Round on November 10.

The volleyball was forced to revise its schedule in an effort to finish out the regular season. NSU will head up to the University of Tampa for a match at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, and finish out the

weekend with another 2 p.m. match on Sunday versus Saint Leo University.

A make-up date for the volleyball's home match with Barry University has been announced for Tuesday, November 8, at 7 p.m.

The Lady Sharks will finish out their regular season with two conference home matches, beginning first with a 7 p.m. match against Rollins College on Friday, November 11, and concluding on Saturday against Florida Tech. Saturday's match marks senior night for the Lady Sharks and is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. All home matches for NSU are played at BCC's George Mayer Gymnasium, located on BCC's main campus in Davie, Fla.

## NSU Volleyball Team Falls to Florida Gulf Coast University

By Valen Eberhand  
Staff Writer

The Lady Knights hosted the Lady Eagles of Florida Gulf Coast University on October 16 and battled in one of the closest conference games of the season, but fell short of a win.

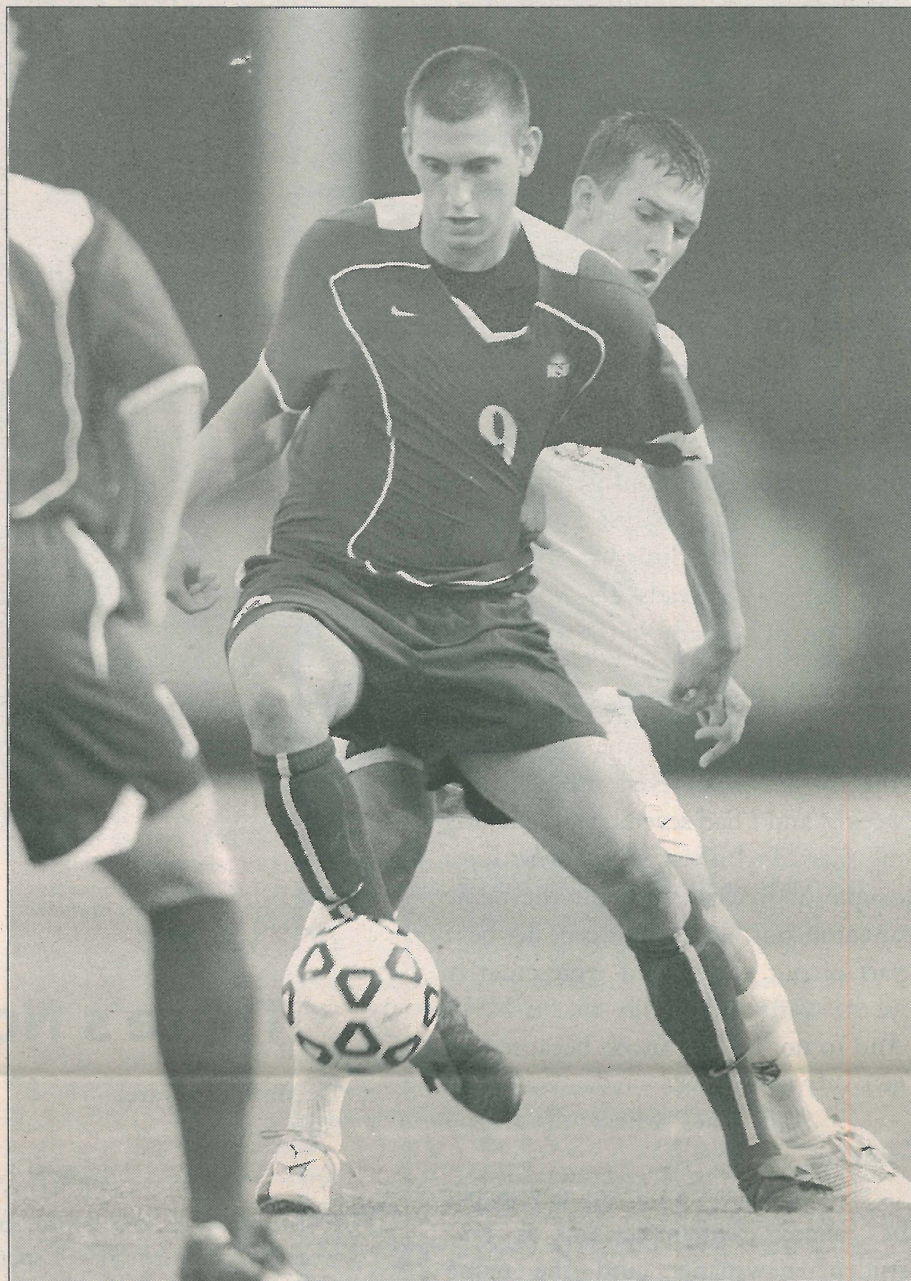
Nova Southeastern (3-15) went head to head with FGCU (18-2) on Wednesday; freshmen Christina Chubb led the Knights with nine kills and Melinda assisted with eight and one block. Even the ladies' persistent offense wasn't enough to match FGCU's offense, which had three players kill the ball into the double digits.

The Knights defense stayed busy, with Dana Bliss coming up with 22 service receptions and Megan Johansen digging up 14, while Carla Ortiz came up with 10. Jenny Finch led the team with 19 assists and three kills, yet even with NSU's

impressive defensive numbers, it wasn't enough to outplay their opponent. Brooke Youngquist ended the game with 21 digs and 23 service receptions while teammate Whitney Hendry came up with 18 digs and 16 service receptions.

The Eagles led early in the game by taking the first two sets 30-20 and 30-22, but the Knights fought back in the third set by taking the lead early in the match. A 4-0 run led the ladies to the first lead they had all night, but soon found themselves behind. Not to be outdone, the ladies pushed from behind to regain the lead, thanks to Emily Carle's kill. Though Nova Southeastern put up a fight, the battle was lost when the third set ended 30-26.

## NSU Men's Soccer Team Tie The University of Tampa



Adam Ludden tries to keep the ball away from a defender.  
Photo courtesy Gary Curreri

By Valen Eberhand  
Staff Writer

Nova Southeastern hosted area rival University of Tampa on the 15 of October. The Spartans went into the game with a 6-4-3 record and 2-3-1 in the Sunshine State Conference.

Striker Lorcan Cronin added his second goal of the season in the first five minutes of the match. Midfielder Jeremy Bulen won a ball in behind the half line and handed teammate Chance Foutch a long ball, which was then served up to Cronin before he connected with the back of the net to put the Knights up 1-0.

The score remained even until the 76th minute of

the game, when a corner kick from Spartan Robie Folbrycht was played to teammate Zach Barber, who strategically placed the ball past Adam Spinelli. This marked a tie game at 1-1. Before regulation came to an end, opposing player Luke Enna was forced to retire from play after a late challenge on Spinelli. This gave NSU a chance to take advantage of being a man up, but they were unable to capitalize on the opportunity. The teams tried to one up the other in a 20 minute tie breaker, but both were unsuccessful. Tampa's Bob Luckenbaugh made eight of twelve saves in the overtime play. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.





Alisha VanHoose  
Editor-in-Chief

Dear NSU Community,

Now that our fabulous finny friend the Shark has become the official school mascot, it's time to retire the Knight and everything related to it.

Which includes the name of this newspaper.

We've been considering possible names for months: Maybe *The Bite* if we're the Sharks? How about *The Barb* if we're Stingrays? But since our banner still reads *The Knight*, it's pretty obvious we have yet to come to a conclusion.

*Barb* or *Bite*, *Fin* or *Navigator* (I've had people tell me to name it *The Daily Dorsal*, even though we're weekly, and I had several people telling me they liked *The Chum Bucket* for a couple of weeks), we want the name to stand out. To be noticed. To be a part of our school and representative of the spirit and vitality that is NSU. And to not be *The Shark*, because that gets very confusing.

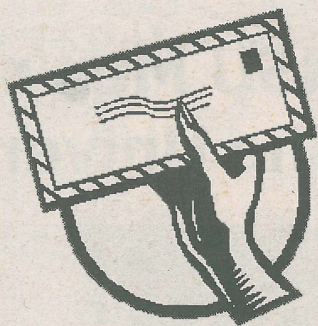
And that's where all of you come in.

So what should the newspaper be called? Remember, this is *your* student newspaper, and the name should reflect all of you.

Please send any suggestions you may have to [nsunews@nova.edu](mailto:nsunews@nova.edu). We're eager to get your input!

Sincerely,

*Alisha VanHoose*



Dear Editor:

Last week, shortly after Hurricane Wilma swept the region, I drove through campus with Dr. George Hanbury, NSU's Vice President for Administration, to survey the damage and to oversee the clean-up. Coming down 75th Avenue, I was struck by an interesting sight. A group of NSU student-athletes were taking a jog, and one of them was wearing a t-shirt bearing the word "Sharks."

This was a refreshing

## Letter to the Editor

sight. It was an indication to me, that although NSU and South Florida had taken a powerful punch from the Category 2 hurricane, things were getting back to normal.

Without a doubt, the 2005 hurricane season has been one of the most challenging in recent memory. The devastation brought on by Hurricane Katrina reverberated throughout the country. Rita was an equally formidable storm. Wilma was our direct punch. In some profound ways, each storm served to strengthen the sense of community at our university.

As our core mission at NSU is to provide quality education to our students, I was eager to reopen

our campuses as soon as possible. Thanks to the combined efforts of NSU's administrators, faculty, staff members and countless others, we were up and running after Hurricane Wilma in a week.

I'd like thank you, the students, for your resolve. I'm pleased to see the energy return to our campus - literally and figuratively -- as you once again engage in the academic and social life of NSU.

Go Sharks!

Sincerely,

*Ray Ferrero, Jr., J.D.*  
President

Nova Southeastern University

### In T.V. Land

## There's Nothing Entertaining About Wilma

By Marines Alvarez  
A&E Editor

Just in case I haven't said it enough over the course of this week, I hate hurricanes. I spent one sweltering week locked away in my house with no power and I'm sure, my dear readers, you have equally if not exceedingly horrific stories.

On Monday October 31, as students begrudgingly dragged their feet back to classes, the list of grievances was the number one topic as everyone complained about power outages, shattered windshields, down trees, cold showers, horrendous traffic and something about cereal bars and the dorm rooms.

Surprisingly enough, one thing I did hear plenty of was about the boredom. Apparently sitting in the dark is not enough entertainment for the average college student. At first, I thought it was a bit silly to be navigating a labyrinth of fallen trees, waiting in six hour gas lines and still be complaining about a lack of TV. More that a week later, with a good majority of power restored and gas lines normalizing, I feel completely comfortable whining about the entertainment Wilma stole from us.

So what did the student population do with a week in the dark? I've heard reports of riding bikes, playing board games, reading books

by flashlight, card games, baseball with a paper ball and generally doing things forgotten since childhood. And what happened as the lights (slowly) began to switch on? All else was forgotten and my beloved TV made a comeback.

You can imagine my dismay when I had my power back, my satellite was in place, and I began to realize that the entire world had not frozen just because *our* world had stopped and dropped into chaos. It's crazy to realize just how completely the hurricane took over. Can anyone tell me one thing that happened last week outside of south Florida? Yeah, neither can I.

All we've left to do now, TV fans, is try to jump in and pick off where we left off. It's not exactly bad timing either, as we look at the beginning of November sweeps. Sweeps time goes hand in hand with networks filling your favorite shows with plenty of guest star appearances (including musical guests) and outrageous storylines, all in the hope of grabbing your attention and securing their oh-so precious advertisements.

When it comes down to it, what this all means is that even though we were incessantly bored

during the hurricane, post-Wilma entertainment (and I'm sure we are all eager to forget her) is looking bright.

Fox is picking up where they left off before their World Series. I'm thinking I'm not the only one excited about that, seeing as how the World Series scored record-low audiences (who was playing? Who won?). Fox will be airing new episodes of "Prison Break", "Bones", "The O.C." and "Reunion". UPN will continue with the second half of "America's Next Top Model". The network will feature "ANTM Week" starting November 7, as past and present models will be make cameos on your favorite UPN shows including "Veronica Mars". "Lost" is on repeats for one more week, but when it comes back, look forward to someone's death and a lot of the wrong people being accused for it.

Those are just a handful of shows made available thanks to the blessing that is electricity. More than anything, a return to my favorite shows is symbolic for a return to some thing like normalcy. In all honesty, I just sincerely hope that you all have your power back, that your family, friends, and property are all safe, and that you can happily return to your regularly scheduled programming.

## This Week's Poll Question:

How prepared were you for Hurricane Wilma?

☐

I was stocked and ready for action

☐

I managed okay

☐

I totally didn't see it coming at all

Vote online at  
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**Editor's Note:** Due to a production error, the incorrect text appeared in place of a review of Ars Flores Orchestra on Page 9 of the Oct. 24 issue of *The Knight*. The review appears in this issue on Page 7. We regret this error.





Rafia Chodhry  
News Editor

## Mad for Gas: Literally and Figuratively

The Wednesday after Hurricane Wilma, my brother and I waited for several long, tiring, butt-squishing hours in a white, 1998 Mazda Protégé (whose front windows refuse to slide down)...for gas. During those five hours we moved at a pace far slower than a slug and our front view consisted of a luxurious, air-conditioned jet-black Five Series BMW.

Now, during those five hours, any normal person is bound to get hungry, even more so as every few minutes a person would walk by slurping an icy caramel frappuccino. Therefore, three hours into the wait, I gave in to my cravings and decided to quench my thirst with some Jamba Juice. Of course, one wasn't enough. I had to go for seconds, and yes, even thirds. Of the \$30 we brought with us, we washed down \$20 on overpriced smoothies.

Thirst quenched, our problems emerged close to five hours into the wait. We breathed a sigh of relief when we noticed only a few cars remained before it was our turn to pump the precious fuel into our nearly-dying car. My jubilation was shattered, though, when a police official informed us that we could only pay with cash. You can imagine my utter vexation now that after waiting five grueling hours, I only had \$10 on hand for gas. *Why had I gorged on all those smoothies?*

My initial instinct was to ask the couple in the BMW for \$20. After all, we'd spoken a couple of times (He'd mentioned his damaged house and tiny dents on his fender; I complained about the long gas line).

I came to my senses. Today, you are bound to get strange looks for asking for merely 50 cents and here I was thinking of asking for \$20. I would have to be satisfied with \$10 worth of gas.

As we neared the front of the line (I actually began to smell the gasoline!), I could not bring myself to put just \$10 worth of gas into the car, especially after waiting five hours! No, that was not an option in my book. I decided to speak to the gas station manager.

The manager wasn't in. I spoke with this guy named Volrick, a 20-something, heavily built attendant. I told him my whole story: how my brother and I were stuck in a sweltering car without a drop to drink; how, out of desperation, went to Jamba Juice; how I didn't learn, until it was too late, that they were taking credit cards at the pump.

At first Volrick sympathized and explained he really wasn't in a position to help me out. But, after I offered to give him my watch as collateral, he laughed and said, "Okay, fill your tank up and just see me afterwards."

I'm sure many would agree generous people are far too scarce nowadays. Unlike during our parents budding years, where the proverb, "Love thy Neighbor" was something people religiously adhered to, today it seems to no longer be the case.

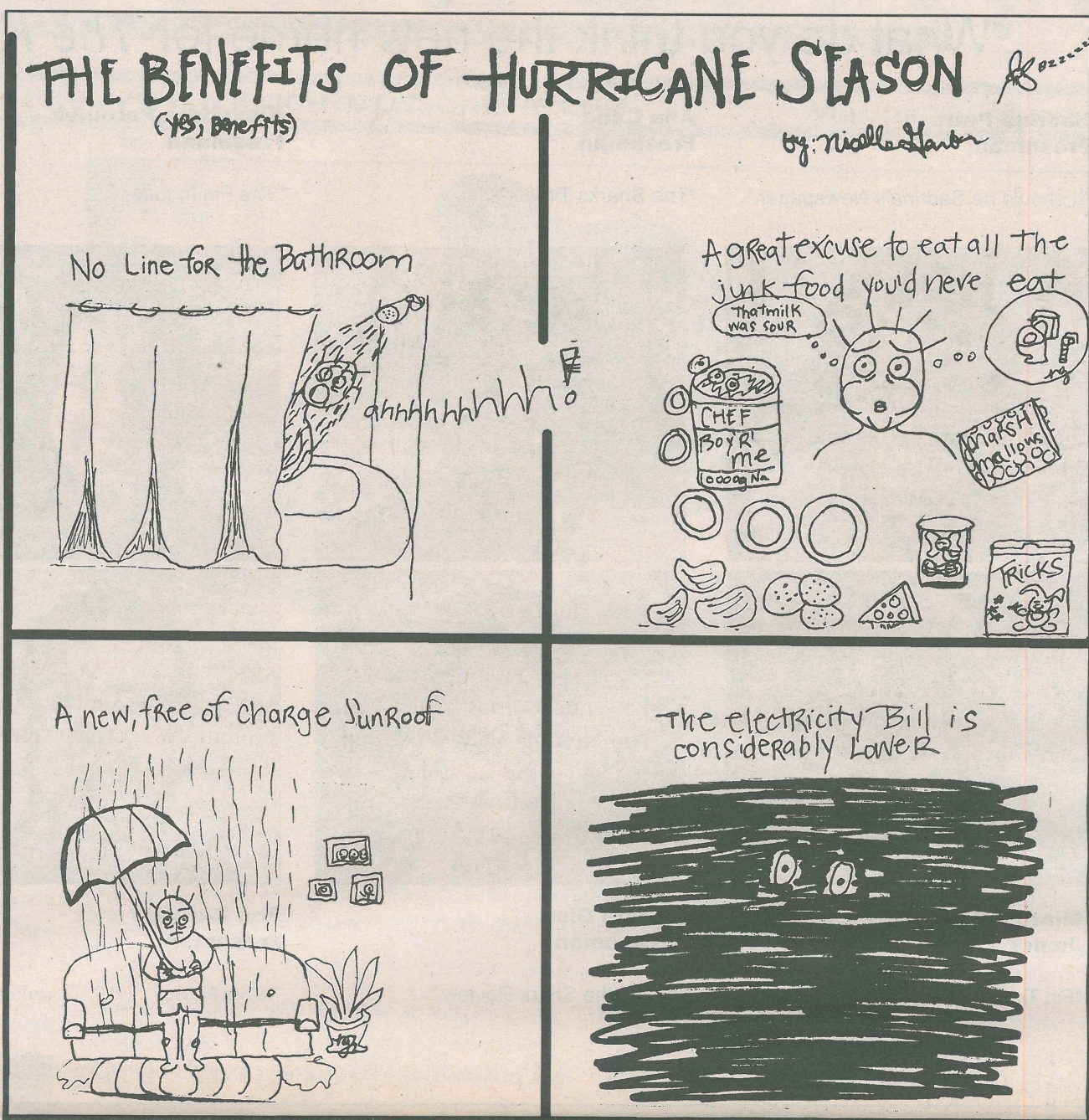
Today, neighbors call the police on each other, we are hesitant to help a stranded individual, and in general, with all the quirks of society, we just aren't so openly bounteous with our services.

I guess that is the main reason why I was so surprised by Volrick's willingness to help a stranger.

And just in case you're wondering, I did pay him back.

## Comic: The Benefits of Hurricane Season

By Nicolle Garber



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"What do you think the new name for *The Knight* should be?"

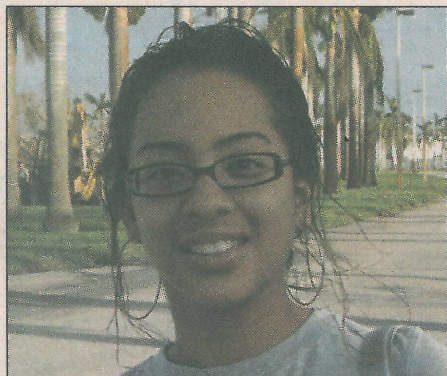
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"It should be Sadrina's Newspaper."



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"The Sharks Timeline."



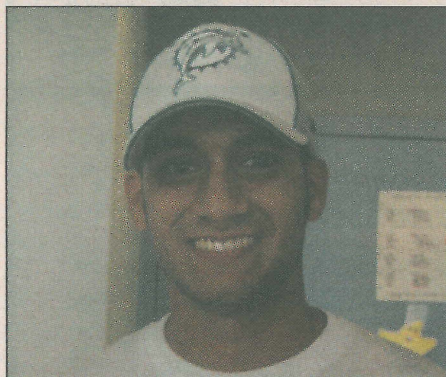
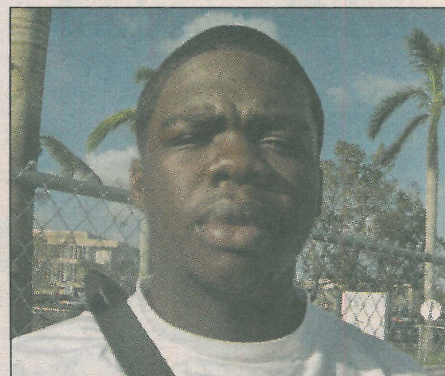
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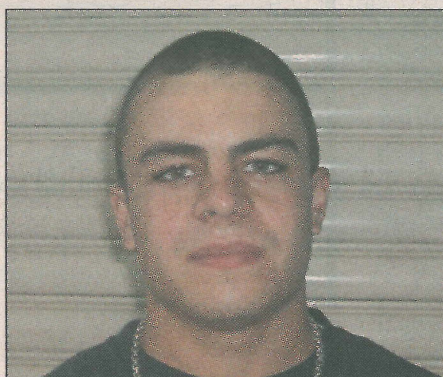
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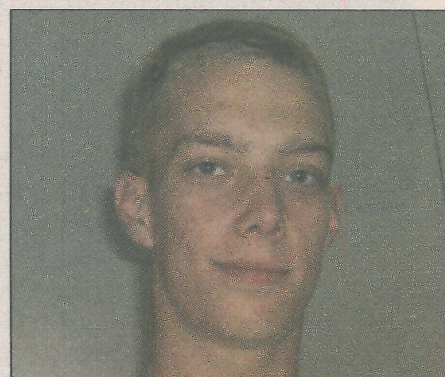
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